

The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed
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Easter Season

May 15, 2011

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:00 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. Join us for a presentation from Daniel McKinney in the adult Sunday school class in the fellowship hall. Pastor Meyers will be teaching this evening at our evening service. We will meet at 5 PM with a cookout afterwards on the church parking lot.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestlouis.com.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 15, 2011

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 33

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-5*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #27 "Great is thy faithfulness"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our soul waits for Yahweh!

Psalm 33:20-22

He is our help and our shield!

Our heart is glad in him!

Because we trust his holy Name.

Let your steadfast love, O Yahweh, be upon us

Even as we hope in you.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have faithfully called us again to this assembly; and by your grace we have gathered together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ; because of him we know we are welcome, with him we make our journey to our true home, and in him we long to serve you throughout eternity. Therefore, we pray in his name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father; one God, Most High, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for

Christ's sake: [Congregation Kneels]

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness,
but to us open shame.

Daniel 9:7-10

To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him

And we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking
in his laws,
which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

**Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess
before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good
—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how
often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting
your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy on
me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all wherein I have displeased
you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret
faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O
most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light
and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus
Christ my Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now stand up and hear the good news!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times
and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.
Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious
Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†The Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are

full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High-est! Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

†Hymn of Praise: "Now all the vault of heaven resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
2 E-ter-nal is the gift He brings, There-
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set
Δ 4 A-dor-ing prais-es now we bring And

praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri-umphed!
fore our heart with rap-ture sings: "Christ has tri-umphed!
heart and will on things a-bove That we con-quer
with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri-umphed!

He is liv-ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and
He is liv-ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri-umph; Grant grace suf-fi-cient for life's
Al-le-lu-ia!" Be to the Fa-ther and our

clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry
life And by His pres-ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru-ly
Lord, To Spir-it blest, most ho-ly

here: "Christ has tri-umphed! Christ has tri-umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!
say: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!"
God, All the glo-ry, nev-er end-ing!

The OT Reading: *Deuteronomy 16:1-15*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Revelation 21:1-8*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:17-35*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,**

and sits on the right hand of the Father.

**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Matthew 26:17-35*

Rev. Daniel McKinney

Sermon: **JESUS DOESN'T THROW LAME PARTIES**

†Hymn #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts"

Trinity Hymnal

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion Hymn "This joyful Eastertide"

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west,
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, arisen.
But now hath Christ arisen!*

3. Death's flood has lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from <i>Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide</i> , 1894; Music: from Joachim Oudaen's <i>David's Psalmen</i> , Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into resurrection life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead, as heralds of repentance, and your victorious rescue and redemption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #604 “Jerusalem the golden”
[Kneeling] Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

The fourth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2011 – 5:00 PM

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 75*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 47 “Praise the LORD, ye lands”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Singing - “O Sons & Daughters of the King”

(see handout)

Prayer Requests

†Psalm 83 “Do not be silent God”

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *2 Samuel 13:1-22*

Sermon: **ABSALOM’S CONSPIRACY**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

XXVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

†Psalm 3 “O Lord, how swiftly grows”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Benediction

†Cookout and Fellowship on the Church Parking Lot & Lawn

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter VIII – Of Christ the Mediator

IV. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that He might discharge, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; 186 was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

Today at PRPC

Woman of the Week:

Marianne Pitts

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Linda Wolff, Christine Greeno

Sunday School – Lu Greeno, Vivienne Greeno

Evening – Van Horn

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Gibbs

Sunday School – Shields

Adult Sunday School “Christian Marriage” — Please join us this morning in the fellowship hall as we continue our Sunday school class on marriage.

Deacon’s Offering Today — This evening we will receive the monthly offering for the Deacon’s Fund. If you cannot be here tonight, we would encourage you to use the envelope in the bulletin this morning to contribute to the Deacons’ Fund which helps the widows and needy people in our community. Thank you!

Cookout Tonight — Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service. Bring your lawn chair and some meat for the grill and fellowship with us on the parking lot after the service.

Church Calendar

May 22	Parish Groups/Graduation Party/Memory Listening
May 29	Sunday School Promotion/5 PM Service & Cookout
June 4	Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston
June 5	Liam Tombing Reports for Sunday School 5 PM Jamie Soles Concert/Pig Roast Feast
June 12	No Sunday School (for the summer)
June 19	No Evening Worship
July 11-15	VBS

Announcements

Parish Groups — Parish groups will be meeting next Sunday, May 22. If you are new to the church or visiting, see Pastor Anderson.

Graduation Reception — During the coffee break on May 22, we will recognize all our graduates. Please sign up if you are graduating or know someone who is graduating. See Barb Hoover if you have any questions.

Memory Listening and Sunday School Promotion — On May 22, the last two memory listening sections (Lent and Easter) will be combined and recited and the students will also practice for Promotion Sunday. On May 29, the congregation will gather in the sanctuary during Sunday School for Promotion Sunday.

Food Pantry Donations — Every month, PRPC will assist RPC by donating specific items to St. Trinity's food pantry. This month's item is toilet paper.

Bridal Shower for Jessica Weston — Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Jessica Weston on June 4 at 10 AM. Jessica is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Pottery Barn. The shower will be held at 348 Babler Road 63141. Please sign up if you can attend.

Liam Tombing — On June 5, Liam Tombing will visit PRPC and give us a report during Sunday School. Everyone, children included, will gather together for this last Sunday School of the summer.

VBS Volunteers Needed — Sign up now to volunteer for VBS. Anna Hoegemann is directing this year. If you have any questions, please see her.

Jamie Soles In Concert — Our session has invited Jamie Soles and his family to perform for us on Sunday, June 5. For years now, a number of our families, children and adults alike, have enjoyed and benefited from Jamie's mature, thoughtful Bible music. His songs help to bring the Old Testament to life and show how all of Scriptures do indeed speak of Jesus. Jamie has given us a great tool for training ourselves and our children in the ways of the Lord. Jamie will be ministering for us in worship June 5th, and will perform a concert for us that evening. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word! We are still looking for housing for him and his family (10 persons). Please contact Richard Hiers if you could house part, or all of the family.

The Lord's Service Explained

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

An Easter Season Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting King, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him heir of David, Son of God, Lord and King of the whole world. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; come quickly, Lord Jesus, to deliver us from sin's curse, that all creation might worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in perfect unity and holiness. Amen.

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